

TOWN OF TRURO  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Martha Nagy, Susan Kadar, Pat Pajaron, Lorial Russell, Jennifer Morris, Linda Maloney, Trudi Brazil, Fred Simonin, Paula Charette, Susan Goldstone, Helen McNeil Ashton, Brenda Boleyn. Jan Worthington was absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular and Executive Sessions of October 10, 2006, as presented, and to hold the Executive Session minutes in abeyance. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

**Public Comment:** None.

**Public Hearing: Tax Classification hearing: Mr. Gaechter moved to open the hearing.** It was pointed out that the hearing was advertised for 6:10 p.m., so the Board moved on to another item on the agenda.

**Interview with Animal Control Officer:** Ms. Russell introduced herself and gave the Board an overview of her background and duties as Truro's new Animal Control Officer.

**Public Hearing: Tax Classification hearing:** Ms. Maloney asked the Board for a continuance to October 24, 2006 at 6:10 p.m. **Mr. Gaechter moved to continue the hearing until a week from tonight at 6:10 p.m. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous. (Mr. Lucy had arrived).**

**Appointment to the Housing Authority: Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Ms. Morris to the Housing Authority. Mr. Lucy seconded it.** Under discussion, Mr. Palmer said that it has been the Board's goal to integrate young people on boards and now that they have a young applicant, they should act on that. He would also like to see someone serve who is working in the community, as our boards have a preponderance of retirees. Mr. Hartman knows Ms. Morris is first rate, but he explained that with six months until election, he felt it was a disservice to the Housing Authority to give them someone inexperienced for the six months until election. Mr. Gaechter said he has gone back and forth on this, but will support the Chair of the committee. **Vote: 2-2, with Mr. Hartman and Mr. Gaechter opposed.** Mr. Gaechter said the BOS will act on this next week. Ms. Kadar questioned if the Board was following parliamentary procedure because without a majority vote, this motion failed. The Board acknowledged that it had failed. Mr. Hartman noted that no other motion had been made. Mr. Gaechter said they need to revisit this when everyone is present.

**Interview: Paul Charette: Tercentennial Celebration Committee: Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Ms. Charette to the Tercentennial Celebration Committee. Mr. Gaechter seconded**

**it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Interview: Matthew Kiefer, Historical Review Board:** Mr. Kiefer could not attend this evening. Mr. Hartman spoke to his abilities. Mr. Gaechter wanted to ask him some questions and directed the Secretary to contact him and see if the interview can be rescheduled or other if other arrangements can be made.

**Housing Authority, revisited:** Ms. Kadar told the Board that with Mr. Marr's resignation they are down a member, and another member will be leaving soon. She asked that one of the BOS change their vote and make a decision this evening. She noted that Ms. Worthington had made it clear last week who she would vote for. **Mr. Hartman moved to appoint Ms. Morris. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Budget Discussion:** Ms. Nolan asked the Board for direction in setting the parameters of the budget for FY08. She and the Town Accountant recommend that Departments and Boards are instructed to level fund except for salaries. She and Ms. Brazil will decide if a project that they present for funding is warranted. Mr. Gaechter said that he would like to avoid an override, so he agrees that is the direction they should go in.

**Municipal Planning Calendar:** Ms. Nolan presented her draft calendar. Mr. Gaechter noted that it called for a joint meeting with FinCom next week. They discussed how/when the BOS would like to see the budget. The consensus was that they would like to get it at the same time as the FinCom does. Mr. Gaechter thought they needed more time between the 3/13 budget and CIP presentation to the BOS date and the 3/20 BOS approval of budget and CIP date. Ms. Nolan will lengthen that. Mr. Hartman requested that she include the CPC submissions date of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Cobb Library design contract:** Ms. Nolan told the Board they have worked on this contract for two months and have come to an agreement. They took out the clause that called for approval from the Cobb Library restoration committee. She plans to get their approval of any changes anyway. The contract has been vetted by two sets of attorneys. She hoped the BOS would approve it. Ms. Goldstone and Ms. McNeil Ashton showed the Board the plans for the plot and the interior of the building. **Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the contract with Ammondson Architects, Inc. and authorize the Chair to sign. Mr. Hartman seconded it.** Under discussion, Mr. Lucy questioned why it is always the same architect. Ms. McNeil Ashton explained the bidding process and the reasons why they were left with a choice between Ammondson Architects and Stephen Hale Architects. Mr. Hartman commended the two groups for the work they had done. **Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**STM Warrant Article 9, Section 1: Mr. Hartman moved to recommend. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Truro Priority Habitat and Estimated Habitat Map for Rare Species:** Ms. Greenhalgh updated the Board on the recently released map. While the 2003 map had only small scattered

areas, the new map is virtually the whole town. This means that over 90% of all current building projects have to go through MESA review. There is a \$500.00 fine if you don't. The filing fees range from \$50. - \$7,500.00 (the highest is for projects including roadways). Mr. Peabody of Wellfleet is arranging a roundtable meeting with the local agent for next week. There is an option available to file for reconsideration of mapping. There is a \$150.00 filing fee. Ms. Greenhalgh said her concern is that there is a huge change in the map from 2003 to 2006. She would like to know why this massive change. Mr. Hartman questioned if there were non-economic or procedural reasons for our asking for reconsideration. Mr. Gaechter thought that they have one shot at this, and need to have as strong a case as possible. He wants to make the filing, but be sure it is the strongest case possible with all expertise available behind this. Discussion centered on all the possible ramifications of this map. Ms. Greenhalgh will find out more information at the meeting next week. Ms. Nolan suggested writing the legislative delegation. Mr. Gaechter thought that was premature. Mr. Gaechter summed up by saying that Ms. Greenhalgh may get more background, but the Board can agree that they need to file for reconsideration of mapping and to begin the process. **He so moved. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.** He directed that the issue be placed on a future agenda so they can be updated.

**STM Warrant:** Ms. Nolan had made the revisions the BOS requested last week.

**Article four, Classification/Compensation schedule changes:** **Mr. Gaechter moved to recommend. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Article five, COA OA hours:** The Board discussed that there is more than one COA Office Assistant position, and that needed to be clarified. Ms. Brazil cautioned that it not be worded so as to limit the hours. Ms. Nolan will make those adjustments. **Mr. Gaechter move to recommend the article with the appropriate changes. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Article six, COA Outreach increase:** **Mr. Gaechter moved to recommend with the change to Seven Hundred Sixty-one instead of Four Hundred Sixty-one. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Article seven, golf equipment:** Ms. Nolan explained that Mr. Knowles needs this equipment in the spring to prepare the golf course. If approved at ATM, he couldn't spend until July. **Mr. Gaechter moved to recommend. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Article eight, Easement:** Mr. Palmer said the comment has been clarified that this is just to give the BOS another option. **Mr. Palmer moved to recommend. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.** Mr. Palmer said a copy of the article should be sent to all the stakeholders.

**Article eleven, Veteran's memorial:** Mr. Gaechter noted that the BOS has voted this article, but he has concerns with advancing it without more information. Ms. Nolan reported on the last meeting of the ad hoc committee. She distributed pictures of a similar memorial. The site has been chosen at Pamet Park. We will have three panels, plus a podium. The names may be engraved in brass plaques, or they may be engraved right into the stone. The committee is adamant that it is to look like Truro's memorial, and not Provincetown's. Ms. Nolan recommended that they use the language "a sum of money" in the article and they will have a cost by STM, and the figure can be put in then. Mr. Gaechter questioned if they could put the

memorial at the park since it was purchased with land bank money. He would like to see a mock up so that he can see what it will look like there. The Board agreed that the mention of Pamet Park as a location should be removed from the article, and that it should say "either brass or engraved in stone". Ms. Nolan said they have a target date of Veteran's Day 2008 for the unveiling ceremony. **Mr. Gaechter moved to recommend as rewritten. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Article fourteen, transfer balance of Lightening/Surge Suppression Project: Mr. Gaechter moved to recommend subject to confirmation that the funding is no longer needed. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Town Administrator's Report: (action items)**

- Reported that the MMA is holding a photo contest. Mr. Hartman thought it would be great to have all the winners of the Truro Treasures photo contest entered. Ms. Nolan will contact Ms. Stevenson about this.

**Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)**

**Gaechter: -Moved to authorize the letter he drafted be sent to Kathleen Walker of the USPS with copies to Postmaster Tom Gold, the Historical Commission and the Historical Review Board. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Other business:** Ms. Nolan informed the Board that the floor of the meeting room needs to be refinished; it will be done next summer. She and Alex Stansell and Ms. Greenhalgh agree to put pads under the Selectmen's chairs, and also discussed installing a carpet under the Selectmen's table and extending out beyond the visitor table. She will get a cost estimate, and asked the BOS to be thinking about it.

**Next week's agenda: Cape-wide contract with SEMASS, Chief Thomas state of department and goals, No meeting on 10/31, 11/7 or 11/14.**

**At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to discuss and consider negotiations and to not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Hartman, aye; Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Lucy, aye. 4-0, unanimous.**

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Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

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Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

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Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

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